

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION
by the
Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, the increasing incidences of fraud affect individuals and communities throughout California and the nation; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens are frequently the target of mail, telemarketing and Internet fraud; and

WHEREAS, victims have lost their homes or life savings through fraudulent or high-risk "investment opportunities" or other schemes, and often feel a loss of their dignity and self-respect; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning is funding a statewide outreach campaign called Seniors Against Investment Fraud (SAIF) administered by the Department of Corporations to educate all Californians about investment and telemarketing fraud crimes and how to avoid being victimized; and

WHEREAS, education and awareness is the best protection from fraudulent schemes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRAY DAVIS, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim August 25-September 1, 2003 as "Fraud Against Senior Citizens Awareness Week."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the
State of California to be affixed this 19th day of
August 2003.



Gray Davis
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Kevin Shelley
Secretary of State